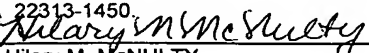


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TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FREEZE-DRYING PRODUCTS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Georg-Wilhelm OETJEN		
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Dear Sir:

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